

an explosion in child abuse complaints and investigations in this state. We've gone from something around less than 2,000 in 1977 to close to 8,000 in 1985, a quadrupling of investigations in child abuse. I don't think we can assume from that that we've had four times as much cases of child abuse. We simply have become more aware and less tolerant of child abuse in this state so we are now trying to take the steps necessary to deal with that problem all the way from increasing the number of workers investigating complaints to increasing the attorneys in the Attorney General's Office to prosecute these child abuse complaints. I think this Legislature has shown its compassion and concern for the children of this state in objection and opposition to the abuse of those children, and I am very proud of this Legislature for that. There is another handout I've passed out about child abuse prevention month, and I also want to say that this is the Week of the Young Child. In fact, in about 45 minutes there will be a parade and a ceremony out on the steps of the Capitol recognizing this as the Week of the Young Child so it's most appropriate that today we recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Week of the Young Child. Urge your support for the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 396.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Move on to LR 397, please.

CLERK: LR 397, Mr. President, is found on page 1629 of the Journal. The Natural Resources Committee, it asks the Legislature to urge Congress to support and advance the electric power industry clean air alternative which is supported by the Nebraska Power Association and the nation's electrical utility industry.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, are you going to handle this resolution, or Senator Morrissey? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President. This is the resolution which was proposed because of the problems that federal regulators are putting on our electric industry in this state. And, basically, it boils down to the fact that Nebraska has clean air already,